

Pupukea Marine Life Conservation District

September 8, 1999

7:00 – 9:45 p.m.

Meeting Notes: By Category

I. Brainstorming notes – newsprint transcription recategorized:

The following themes were selected as broad categories reflective of the group's discussion. Participants were invited to cast votes for these topical areas as a means of determining the priority of topics for future agendas and discussions. The following numbers of votes were cast for each topic:

20 votes Current DLNR mission and rules Definitions: Current rules and proposed changes discussion.

- DLNR mission statement: "Preserve Natural Resources." Perhaps it should strive to have current conditions (ecosystem status) get better across all indicators – not just stay the same...
- A statement from DLNR would be helpful regarding their best suggestion/plan for the area?
- What is currently permitted?
- License fees and bag limits etc.
- Protect the area – if there isn't a marine sanctuary here, at shark's cove, is it possible for some other sites to be designated on the North Shore?

18 votes Enforcement

- Funding is necessary for enforcement. Shoreline areas seem to be a low priority. How can we insure that these recommendations by the task force result in something that is enforceable?
- Fishing occurs in sanctuary areas. Enforcement is an issue: Haleiwa Harbor.
- Item #3 of the policies of the DLNR statement: Re: not infringing on use by the public... Limited, or no parking available at all... Is this an example of "infringement?" There is no enforcement for parking problems created by commercial dive operations. (NOTE: parking is not DLNR's jurisdiction.)
- Enforcement – is deputizing an option?
- What is currently permitted? Transit through the cove, exiting the cove – what are the exceptions? Enforcement of spearfishing with SCUBA is problematic
- Enforcement is inconsistent – akule is sometimes netted in the zone.

15 votes Scientific data/educational information/facts

- How many cars? What kinds of users go there on a weekend? Could this be a group project - or the basis for a field trip? Let's get the facts straight.
- When was the last study done of this area? Some users have noted coral growth.
- Re shark's cove and coral growth: Carl will see what data is out there and try to get it for the group.

- Scientific information needs to be provided. What are the environmental impacts on that area? What are the natural impacts that occur?
- The scientific community could help clarify the distinctions between Federal Marine sanctuaries and District Conservation Districts. What are the goals and characteristics of each?
- In a Marine Reserve, activities are restricted in some way specific to that region.
- Is scientific information available regarding why reserves are important? Evidence of their benefits and education on this subject is important.
- How comparable are different sites? Data for these sites? Does baseline data exist? Is “controlled area” data available?
- What are the impacts of various user groups? Do we have data? How many users have what impact?
- Education support is needed for the task force: field trips, selected readings, handouts etc. Can these be part of this process?
- Operating with a shared vocabulary and set of definitions would help: “Conservation” do we all have the same definition?
- Shared community values, visions and dreams, mission etc. need to be established.
- Other studies are underway with potential impact on this area.

7 votes Carrying Capacity

- Carrying capacity: roads and traffic also need to be considered. DOT needs to be included in discussion.
- Could strategic placement of restrooms, facilities, and parking better distribute use?
- City and County CIP funds have implications regarding waste treatment? Are there prospects for improving the restroom situation?
- Resource is overused – the small area at the mouth of the cove raises carrying capacity issues.
- Traffic accidents at the cove resulting from overuse. There are other safety-related issues that need to be considered as well.
- Is use by school children at the tide pool a possibility? Liability issues?
- Any boats (motorized/non) in the MLCD?
- Mooring for boat anchors is a possibility vs current practice, which damages area
- What is the impact of dive instruction – particularly by beginning divers?
- Land tenure issues, storm water drainage discussion is currently underway in other forums.
- Dive operations train local residents. Current use is approximately 24 days per year over a 3-month period. Instruction includes good diving citizenship and impact issues.
- Because of giant waves 8 months of the year, there is only a limited time for shared use.
- Consider systems of usage to avoid ‘absolutes’ and to foster balance use and resolve conflicts between groups.

7 votes fishing issues/ - taking of fish

- Spearing and netting are big issues.
- Pole fishing should be discussed.

6 votes Hawaiian Rights Issues

- Hawaiians' prerogatives need to be considered.
- Native Hawaiian Gathering Rights.
- There are times of high turbulence: How assure access and gathering rights?

2 Other community models such as Friends of Hanauma Bay

- Friends of Hanauma Bay and other models exist. Can we hear from them about their approach?

1 vote Perspectives of other stakeholders

- Do we understand the perspectives of users from other places? How do we deal with the consequences and impact resulting from use by outsiders? How can we prevent abuse?

Miscellaneous:

- There are only two choices – open all the way up or close it down completely.
- Bigger issues need to be addressed statewide.
- Constitution/laws – what is the hierarchy of these rules and regulations as generated by this group? How do the group recommendations relate to laws, statutes, and rules?